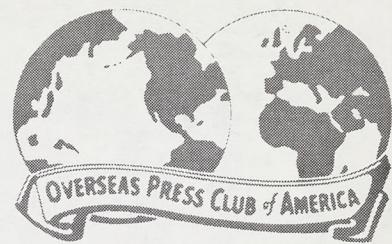


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JOT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR



Tues., May 6 - Open House. Frank Kearns and Yousef Masraff. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., buffet.

The CBS reporter-cameraman team which won the 1957 OPC award, "best radio or television reporting from abroad," will speak.

Tues., May 13 - Open House. European Editors and Newsmen. 6:00 p.m., buffet.

The group of twenty-five editors and newsmen, representing newspapers in twelve countries, are visiting on a U.S. Gov't.-sponsored tour.

Thurs., May 15 - Luncheon. Dr. M.G. Candau, Director-General of World Health Organization. 12:30 p.m. (Reservations at OPC.)

Tues., May 20 - Regional Dinner. Gelman May Wine and Bock Beer Festival. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. (Reservations at OPC.)

PEOPLE & PLACES

Henry Shapiro back at his post as UP Moscow bureau manager after return from New York via London and Paris...Ed Morrow, former *N.Y. Times*' correspondent in Buenos Aires now assigned to Washington, D.C., was in New York and attended the OPC's Annual Meeting with his wife...Ruth Lloyd rushed back to New York from Brussels, via Paris, and left again Thursday to cover Princess Margaret's Calypso Islands' tour...Martin Luray in Israel on the last leg of his newsgathering tour before return to Rome next week.

Arthur Settel appointed PR director for the Metropolitan Educational TV Ass'n., with offices in New York. He was in charge of KLM public relations until a few months ago, resigned to accept an appointment as consultant to State Dep't. on the Brussels Fair.

William L. Laurence, science editor of *N.Y. Times* and twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize, received American Chemical Society's Grady Gold Medal "for distinguished reporting of chemical progress".



Surprise for a "First Lady:" A portrait - done secretly from photos by S. Edmund Oppenheim - is presented to Mrs. Cecil Brown, wife of OPC's retiring President.

GALA DINNER FEATURES AWARDS, 3 SPEAKERS, GAELIC MUSIC AND TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD NEW PRESIDENT INSTALLED; 2ND DATELINE DISTRIBUTED

At one of the most gala dinners in the history of the Overseas Press Club, the nineteenth group of outstanding newsmen accepted OPC annual awards at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Apr. 22.

Frank Conniff, William Randolph Hearst, Jr. and Bob Considine were among the group of eleven men who accepted plaques from William P. Gray, chairman of the Awards Committee, during the course of the evening's festivities.

OPC Past President Bob Considine introduced the outstanding group of prominent persons who were guests of the Club on the dais. Included were: Seymour Berkson, publisher of the *N.Y. Journal-American*; Simon Michael Bessie, editor of Harper & Bros.; Walter Cronkite; John Daly; Orvil Dryfoos, president of the *N.Y. Times*; Ben Grauer; Quincy Howe, ABC; Malcolm Muir, Sr., chairman of the board of *Newsweek*; William McAndrew, vice president of NBC; Edward R. Murrow; Dan Mich, editor of *Look*; Leon Pearson, NBC; Elmo Roper; Robert Sherrod, managing editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*; and DeWitt Wallace, editor of *Reader's Digest*.

Receiving their awards in person were Frank Kearns and Yousef Masraff, CBS; Chet Huntley, NBC; Lisa Larsen; James Michener, and Ernest K. Lindley, News-

week. Accepting the award for Herbert L. Matthews was *N.Y. Times*' managing editor Turner Catledge. David Schenbrun's award was received by Simon Michael Bessie.

The 1,200 dinner guests were addressed by Sir Leslie Knox Munro, New Zealand's Ambassador to the U.S. and president of the twelfth UN General Assembly; Rear Admiral George J. Dufek, Antarctic explorer, and Major General George Randolph Pearkes, Canadian Minister of Defense.

The second issue of *Dateline*, the Club's annual magazine, was distributed to guests by ten Conover models. This year's publication contained a survey of newsmen's opinions, directed by Elmo Roper which said that war is expected

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The president invites those Club members who wish to participate in Club activities and committee work and who will be able to devote substantial amounts of time and energy to such work during the coming year, to drop him a note as soon as possible indicating their fields of interest.

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HONORED: Larry Newman, (left) of the American Weekly and chairman of the House Operations Committee of the OPC, received a silver cigarette case from Committee members recently at a surprise dinner in his honor at the Clubhouse. The names of the committee were engraved on the case. Arthur Milton (right) of the New York Daily Mirror made the presentation, citing Newman for an outstanding job of improving the Club's facilities during the past year.

CORRECTION!

The Overseas Press Bulletin last week incorrectly reported that at the Annual Meeting on Apr. 22 Miss Gertrude Samuels' report proposed two-month visitors cards for foreign journalists from any country.

Here is the correct version:

In 1957, the Foreign Journalists Liaison Committee of which Miss Samuels is chairman, proposed that the Committee be permitted to issue guest cards, over the counter-signature of the President or First Vice President of the Club and valid up to a period of six months, to foreign journalists on temporary visits. This proposal was unanimously adopted by the Board of Governors in June 1957.

This was attacked at the Annual Meeting on Apr. 22 on the ground that it could allegedly permit the issuance of guest cards to journalists from totalitarian countries.

No evidence was introduced to indicate that this Board action had in fact been used for this purpose or that it was intended to be so used.

There was nearly an hour of pro and con oratory on the subject. The upshot was that the meeting voted to table the Committee's report. This has the effect of leaving the Board action of June 1957 in full effect. (Report on page 5.)

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OVERSEAS TICKER

HONOLULU

Roy Cummings, *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, is trying to line up Coconut Island, the privately-owned millionaire's island off Oahu, for the Honolulu Press Club's annual outing.

Cummings in 1958 president of the Club. Other officers are Brian Casey, *Honolulu Advertiser*, first vice president; Mark Waters, *Star-Bulletin*, second vice president; George West, *Star-Bulletin*, secretary, and Corrine Lewis, *Pearl Harbor Pennysaver*, treasurer.

Sandy Zalburg, *Honolulu Advertiser* reporter, is now *N.Y. Times*' stringer in Hula-land.

Recent visitors passing through this Pacific crossroads included: AP's Pat Morin en route to New York after a Far East tour; Ted Cannon, columnist for the *Salt Lake City Deseret News* on his way to New Zealand for dedication of a new Mormon Temple, and former Unipresse Jack Russell, en route to New York after a long stint in Southeast Asia.

Robert Tuckman

SAN JOSE

OPCers Jack Fendell and Dick Dyer were among ten Americans who contributed to a new home for the "March of Homes" slum clearance project here in Costa Rica.

The Americans, all local residents, made possible the donation of the fortieth home in the drive being conducted by *La Prensa Libre*, local afternoon daily, to clear up slum areas around the outskirts of San Jose.

BROWNS TO B.W.I.

Past President Cecil Brown and his wife left yesterday for a month's vacation in the British West Indies.

Your Overseas Press Bulletin Issue Editor This Week Is: Paul R. Miller, Jr.

Managing Editor: Barbara J. Bennett.

150 Plus Cover BWI Federation Launching

by Gary MacEoin

Trinidad, B.W.I. — More than 150 newsmen and photographers crowded Port of Spain for the inauguration on Apr. 22 of the first Parliament of the Federation of the British West Indies by Princess Margaret of England. Many of them were combining feature assignments with vacation and Carnival-like festivities that lasted a week. They had come to the right place, but the deadline men had a tough time with the ninety degree heat, steaming humidity and a press organization stifled with red tape and run by amateurs.

A press headquarters was set up in a half-finished but fully-occupied hotel (Bretton Hall) with tables, six typewriters, and cable and postal outlets. Credentials were processed and press badges issued with fair dispatch. (Afterward we were told the badges were purely decorative.) Invitations were needed for all official events, election of Prime Minister, opening of Parliament, State banquet, garden party, even reception of press by the Princess. Your correspondent made five visits to press headquarters, consuming seven hours that might have been invested in surfing at Maracas Beach, in an unsuccessful effort to collect an invitation to this last-mentioned function, though various press officials had assured him that the invitation had been made out. Robert R. Brunn, of *Christian Science Monitor*, fared no better on this one.

Strict pooling was enforced for some restricted functions, like the State banquet, but those with invitations were well placed for major events like the arrival of the Princess and opening of Parliament. Still and movie photographers protested in vain a ruling that nobody could precede the cortege in the streets.

Agency coverage was by Richard Massock and J. Walter Green for AP, Seaghan Maynes for Reuter, Eleanor Early for INS, and H. Ludford for British International Press Agency. Only the *Christian Science Monitor* was represented (Robert R. Brunn) among U.S. dailies, Paul Kennedy of the *N.Y. Times* having completed his feature coverage ahead of the event. From New York were Mrs. Eslandra Robeson (wife of Paul Robeson) to do some feature stories, Ralph Champion of the *London Daily Mirror*, and Sven Ahman of Stockholm's *Dagens Nyheter*.

London newsmen were present in strength: Robert Cooper of *The Times*, James Anderson and Edwin Sampson of the *Daily Mail*, and Alex Faulkner of the *Daily Telegraph* were among them.



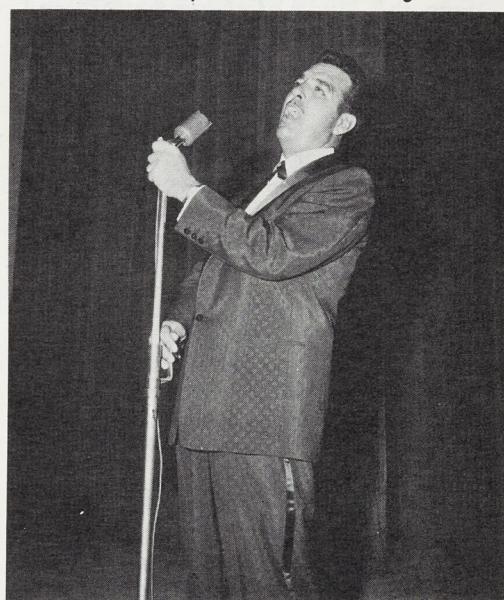
Whirling and skirling at the Waldorf: the Prince Charlie Troupe entertains the guests...



Canada's Gen. George Pearkes was a featured speaker.



A new President, Tom Whitney, is installed...



...Tennessee Ernie Ford did his turn later.



...an award winner, Lisa Larsen, is honored.

GALA DINNER

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by 71 percent of OPC members, 74 percent of the group expecting war within seven years. Sixty-one percent said it would start in the Middle East and 18 percent in North Africa.

Sixty-six percent of those polled held the U.S. is falling short in what it might do to prevent another big war; 61 percent gave the Eisenhower Administration a "failing grade" in foreign affairs. Fifty-five percent had been shot at and 18 percent jailed in line of duty; 81 percent are married; 55 percent take two or more drinks daily; 26 percent smoke two or more packs of cigarettes a day; 52 percent speak two or more foreign languages; 45 percent have written a book; 37% say the U.S.A. has the most beautiful girls; and 18 percent say Italy has the sexiest.

Tennessee Ernie Ford provided light humor and the Prince Charlie Highland Dancers with the Gaelic Pipe and Drum Band the music and dancing before 1957-58 President Cecil Brown stepped to the speaker's seat to present the gavel of OPC president to Thomas P. Whitney. Whitney, elected last week as president of the Club for 1958-59, presented Brown with a gold gavel as souvenir of his year in office.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

(The following are excerpts from the report made by 1957-58 President Cecil Brown to the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Apr. 22. The first portion of the report was carried in the Apr. 26 issue of The Overseas Press Bulletin.)

...All these matters affecting the next door building were under study until about a month ago, but for reasons that must be obvious to the members, they are now held in abeyance. The succeeding administration, will, I assume, continue the study of these matters and thereafter initiate discussions with the Correspondents Fund.

A matter of the highest priority this past year, in my opinion, has been to establish a better working relationship between the Correspondents Fund and the OPC.

Considerable and most heartening progress has been made...

In previous years, as an officer of this Club, I have been most concerned, as many of you have, about undertaking special events which contribute to the cause of journalism, in better informing the public and in improving the usefulness of correspondents.

My own feeling has always been that these special projects, which usually cost a substantial amount of money, should come out of current operating income. This has not been possible for reasons now well known. But the necessity for special projects has not been diminished by financial stringencies. Therefore, the necessity remains.

New Undertaking

I have therefore proposed, first to the Executive Committee, later to the Committee for Planning and Development, and finally to the Board of Governors, a new undertaking designed to engage in special projects for the purposes previously mentioned.

The Board of Governors approved the formation of a special committee to advance this new undertaking.

I consider this proposal of great importance to the welfare and purposes of the OPC.

The purpose of the proposed group, to be known as the Overseas Press Club Correspondents Foundation, would be this:

To examine and undertake special projects designed to promote the cause of journalism, to improve the standards of correspondents and the quality of the people engaged in communications. The Foundation, engaged in public service work, would be subject to the benefits of the tax laws pertinent to such organizations...

One of the main efforts of your offi-

cers this year has been to bring to the Club a correct accounting procedure so that at all times we have a clear understanding of the cost of all operations. That has been done, and I consider it one of the most important accomplishments of this administration. It was, however, only part of the effort to recognize that the OPC is now an establishment of such size and complexity, that a maturity in the conduct of Club affairs is now a prime necessity.

Hard Work Contributed

We have been most fortunate this year in having so many hard-working and able officers, governors, committee chairmen and committee members whose energy and devotion have contributed greatly to the progress of our organization.

I would also like to pay a tribute of gratitude to our counsel, Mr. Frank Wachsmith, whose unselfish efforts for the welfare of the OPC this year deserves the warmest appreciation of every member.

In the hope that the experiences of the past year may profit us in the future, I would like to make a series of suggestions and recommendations for the consideration of the members:

The first has to do with finances. These are not easy problems to resolve, but the incoming Board of Governors must resolve the immediate situation — to put the Club on a break-even basis. I would recommend that the Board display a clear and sharp recognition of the state of the Club's financial operations, and act accordingly.

Second: I wish to reiterate the suggestion made in the Semi-Annual Report last November, that the membership give concrete thought to the idea of electing officers for a two-year period.

Third, I reiterate the suggestion made in the Semi-Annual Report that thought be given to the need for an executive secretary, a rather high-paying job, whose functions would be many of those now performed by the officers and governors as well as many committee chairmen.

Fewer Committee Members

Fourth, I recommend that committees have fewer members, but that those who do serve remain members only on the basis of performance. I deliberately sought this past year to have large committees in order to bring to light new personalities for larger roles of activity in Club affairs and I believe some success in that was achieved.

Fifth, I recommend that a serious and responsible study be made of the election

machinery and of various other aspects of the Constitution and By-Laws to bring them more into line with the current nature and operation of the Club. I believe that whatever confusions or gaps now exist would be confounded and further widened by a patchwork job of tacking on additional amendments regarding elections. I suggest that the revisions be submitted to the membership in time for the next Semi-Annual Meeting.

Sixth, I strongly recommend that the next administration vigorously pursue the establishment of the Overseas Press Club Correspondents Foundation.

Seventh, irrespective of whether changes are made in the term of officers, I recommend that the chairman of the Annual Awards Dinner Committee, the chairman of the Publications Committee, the Bulletin Committee, and the chairman of the Special Events Committee be appointed for a two-year period.

Eighth, I recommend that the Board of Governors take a firm and enlightened view in dealing with the always extremely few members whose actions on the Club premises might constitute conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club.

Real Estate Study

Ninth, I recommend the most intensive and speediest study of the real estate matter involving the building at 33 East 39th Street, and urge that this study be made on a realistic appraisal of our financial capacity to handle quarters double the present size.

Tenth, I recommend strenuous and continuous efforts to cooperate in every way with the Correspondents Fund so that the progress made this year may continue at the same accelerated achievement.

Eleventh: We come now to a notable and remarkable milestone. This year will mark the twentieth anniversary of the OPC. I understand that never before has a press club in New York reached such a respectable age and we all owe much to the officers of the past who have built so solid a structure.

I recommend that the club year of 1958-59 be geared to the twentieth anniversary theme, that special events, including the projects outlined in this report, be held in celebration of this anniversary, that a number of national and international seminars and conferences be arranged by OPC in celebration of our twentieth birthday. I further recommend that the officers and the proper committees, as one of the first duties, map out a twentieth anniversary program that will make the coming year the most exciting and worthwhile in the history of the OPC.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecil Brown

FJL Committee Report

(The following is the Foreign Journalists Liaison Committee report, in full, made to the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Apr. 22. Other committee reports will be carried in subsequent issues of The Overseas Press Bulletin.)

The members of the committee are: Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo, Alex Faulkner, Marguerite Cartwright, Mary Hornaday, Roger Hawthorne, Robert Demme, Pauline Frederick, Matt Kenny, Arthur Reef, and the chairman, Gertrude Samuels.

This Committee has had the honor of finding ways to advance professional, cultural and social relationships between the correspondents of foreign countries and the American press. We believe this objective to be a public service of the OPC, and a prime reason for the Club's existence. May I take this opportunity of thanking the members of FJLC for their cooperation.

The FJLC has focused on three areas: (1) The encouragement of reciprocal arrangements with foreign press groups; (2) receptions for the foreign press, including U.N. journalists; and (3) guest privileges for visiting foreign journalists.

Reciprocity

To build bridges between peoples and nations, the FJLC canvassed American foreign correspondents and OPC members stationed abroad on their recommendations about press groups in the countries they were covering. After careful screening, invitations were sent to press groups in Costa Rica, Belgium, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Israel, Philippines and Japan. The invitations were co-authored with the Secretary of the OPC. To date, four of these nine countries have formally accepted reciprocal arrangements with the OPC: The Journalists Club of Sydney, Australia; the Montreal Men's Press Club, the Tel-Aviv Journalists Assn; the Manila Overseas Press Club; and two more — the Brazilian Press Association of Rio and the Jerusalem Journalists Assn. of Jerusalem, Israel — are expected to accept shortly. All these clubs have facilities which can be of help to our members when touring abroad, at no additional cost to OPC members.

It is expected that this work, of extending and exploring reciprocity, will be a continuing project of the OPC.

Hospitality

Several major receptions have been initiated by the Committee or co-sponsored with the House Operations and Inter-American Affairs Committees. Fourteen South American editors, who were here under State Department auspices, came for dinner and Open House discussion. In September, there was a re-

ception and buffet for twelve Asian editors and publishers who were sponsored by the American Press Institute. One of our most successful and well-attended receptions was that given in January for United Nations journalists of foreign countries at which UN and foreign policy were discussed by Bruce Munn, of the United Press, and president of the U.N. Correspondents Association; and Mr. M.V. Kamath of the Press Trust of India.

This committee in addition has been host on various occasions to some seventy-five foreign journalists who have visited or been entertained at the Club.

Guest Privileges

To encourage distinguished visitors to come into the Club and meet American journalists informally at times of their own choosing, this Committee obtained the approval of the Board of Governors to have guest privileges for a period not to exceed six months. A special Guest Card was designed for this category of visiting journalists.

The Committee had received a budget of \$600. Total expenditures for receptions and dinners were \$362.34. In addition, the Board approved the allocation of \$100 to photographer Leo Rosenthal of the United Nations, whose photo exhibit at the Club, reception and dinner had cost the photographer over \$300. This leaves a balance of \$137.66 unspent.

Recommendations

As Chairman of the Committee, I have the following recommendations to make:

1. There seems to be no good reason for a Foreign Journalists Liaison Committee and an Inter-American Affairs Committee. The latter is properly part of the FJLC; and, indeed, FJLC often crosses the line in its arrangements for our South American colleagues. The attempt to divide the functions certainly does not make for efficiency. I recommend that the Inter-American Affairs Committee be made a subcommittee of the FJLC, with a journalist well-familiar with Latin American affairs as its chief.

2. The problems of reciprocity with press groups in Eastern Europe, South America and the USSR have recently been well-aired in *The Bulletin*. I recommend that a subcommittee of FJLC work with the Freedom of the Press Committee in making its recommendations to the Board on clubs in these areas.

3. A budget of \$500 is recommended for the coming year. This will enable the Club to continue its valuable work of bringing journalists of many countries together under one roof.

*Gertrude Samuels
Chairman*

TOUR DEPOSIT BY MAY 6

Deadline for deposit on OPC-sponsored "United Europe" tour, leaving New York on June 20, is May 6. Final payment must be made by May 20.

Detailed copies of itinerary of the fifteen-day tour are available through David Safer at the OPC, vice chairman of the Special Events Committee in charge of the tour, and the World Travel Plan Corp., 150 E. 50th St., c/o Mr. O'Brien.

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Egbert White, Chairman

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TREASURER'S REPORT

(The following report, for the period Apr. 1, 1957 to Mar. 31, 1958 was made by Treasurer A. Wilfred May to the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Apr. 22.)

OPERATIONS

Total operating income, including dues but not initiation fees, totalled \$295,853 as compared with \$240,115 in the year ended Mar. 31, 1957. Expenses this year were \$309,217 compared to \$242,998, leaving a deficiency of \$13,364 as compared with a deficiency of \$2,880 in the previous year. The increased deficit resulted mainly from a disproportionate increase in payroll cost (partly as a result of the Union contracts), increased *Overseas Press Bulletin* cost, and higher fixed charges.

Dues income this year was \$81,363 compared to \$74,105 last year. Initiation fees, credited directly to surplus, totalled \$6,625 this year compared to \$5,625 in the previous year.

Food sales increased by 26% from \$85,000 to \$107,000. Food department showed a net loss of \$4,476 compared to \$999 the previous year. The food cost ratio (cost of food per dollar of sales) was 45% this year compared to 44.6% the previous year.

Beverage sales increased by 27% from \$67,183 to \$84,957. Beverage operations resulted in a net profit of \$38,435 compared to \$32,184 the previous year. The beverage cost ratio was 36% this year compared to 37% last year.

Committee expenses, under the budgeting program, were reduced by \$2,355 or 17%.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

The financial condition shows substantial strength, although again reduced from the previous year. The Club still continues free of mortgage debt. The net working capital* was \$87,044 at Mar. 31, 1958 in contrast to \$112,300 at Mar. 31, 1957. This decline of \$25,257 in our current liquid position resulted from outlays of \$22,157 for capital expenditures, including dining room renovations (\$14,223), furniture and fixtures (\$6,723) and leasehold improvements (\$1,211); and from the operating loss. These factors were partially offset by cash gains from initiation fees.

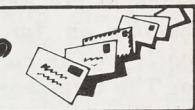
Total of cash and short-term U.S. Gov't. Bond was \$84,300 on Mar. 31, 1958 as compared to \$128,000 on Mar.

*This item, showing the liquid position of the Club, is composed of current assets (cash investments, accounts receivable, inventories and prepaid charges) less current liabilities (accounts payable, taxes and other accrued expenses).

31, 1957.

The members' charge accounts outstanding on Mar. 31, 1958 totalled \$18,900 compared to \$11,900 on Mar. 31, 1957.

LETTERS



Dear Editor,

This is with reference to your article of Mar. 1, in which it was suggested that \$10 of each person's dues be allotted to paying for his *Bulletin* subscription. "This would give *The Bulletin* increased revenue of \$18,000, or exactly the amount needed to put *The Bulletin* into the black."

The need for clarification would seem to be underlined by misunderstanding revealed in several members' communications in your Letters column in the issue of Mar. 15 (as from Joseph Q. Riznik: "Be assured of my personal pledge of \$10 annual *Bulletin* payment if necessary").

The bare budgetary and treasury facts are the following: *The Bulletin*'s net expense during the present twelve-month period is approximately \$18,000 (after crediting advertising receipts). The total of the Club's revenues, including dues receipts, is substantially exceeded by its operating expenses, including that from *Bulletin* operation.

Obviously, it would be necessary to terminate some other Club functions if we are to absorb the \$18,000 of *The Bulletin* expense.

This may possibly be desirable. But it must be realized that this is precisely the question to be determined. Both categories of expenditure in these present amounts cannot be maintained concurrently.

Merely dividing the \$18,000 of present *Bulletin* expense by the 1,800 total number of members, and contending that the "allotment" of the resulting figure of \$10 to *The Bulletin* would put its operation "in the black" surely is pure self-deluding fiction.

In conclusion, may I reaffirm my deep conviction that *The Bulletin* constitutes a most important and highly valuable Club facility, particularly as so well conducted by the editor, his committee, and managing editor, Miss Barbara Bennett. But it must be paid for realistically!

A. Wilfred May

(Ed. Note: Mr. May succeeds in confusing the issue. The *Bulletin* has already agreed to accept a budget based on a Club contribution of \$12,000 a year and this has been approved by the Board of Governors. On this basis, *The Bulletin* could be self-liquidating if \$6.00 of each members' dues were allotted and there were no increase in dues.)



THE OPC GOES TO WASHINGTON

Washington, D.C. — OPC represented at the National Press Club's fiftieth anniversary dinner: pictured (left to right) are John de Lorenzi, Jess Bell, Joe Glynn, Jim Day of the host club, and Jim Flowers. Other OPCers attending were Charles Miner, Ben Wright, Redington Fiske and Ray Baker. More than 1,500 crowded the New Ballroom of the Sheraton Park Hotel on Apr. 12 to observe the Golden Anniversary of the nation's largest press club.

RUDOLPH ELIE DIES

Rudolph F. Elie, Jr., columnist and music critic of the *Boston Herald*, died of a heart attack in Los Angeles on Mar. 12.

He had been with the *Herald* for eighteen years as drama and music critic, war correspondent and columnist.

After working with New England newspapers, he joined the *Herald* in 1939 and in 1945 was assigned to the Pacific as war correspondent, covering the Okinawa campaign, and entering Japan with the Fourth Marine Regiment. He covered the signing of the Japanese surrender. In 1946 he received a Navy citation for his work as war correspondent.

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